and wheat at the Fair Price Shop's in the capital?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) The specified food articles are by and large available in the fair price shops in Delhi. However, in some cases delay in making delivery of specified food articles to fair price shops does occur because of operational problems. The situation is kept under constant review and remedial action taken as and when required.

Import of Seeds

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SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are allowing import of seeds/oilseeds; and

(b) if so, the names of the seeds which are to be imported including quantity and the names of the companies to whom import licences have been given, quantity-wise value-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) As per the existing policy, import licence is required to be issued by the Chief Controller of Import and Export (Ministry of Commerce) for the import of planting materials of fruits and seeds of coarse cereals, pulses, oilseeds, fruits, fodders and fibre crops on the recommendations of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.

(b) During the last five months, (i.e. from October, 1988 to February, 1989) the following parties have been recommended for issuance of import licence:—

S. No.	Name of Company	Item	Qty. in Kgs.
1	Project Officer, Indo-Swiss Project, Visakhapatnam-10.	Seeds of Forage Crops.	55.0
2	M/s. German Remedies Ltd. Bombay.	Seeds of medicinal plants.	25.0
3	Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. ..	Seeds of Fodder Crops.	359.0
4	Govt. of Uttar Pradesh. .	Seeds of Grass and Legumes.	1580.0
5	Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. . . .	Planting material of fruits plants.	15635 number of plan

The actual quantity of seeds imported and the value thereof, will be known only after the consignment actually arrives in the country.